

promoted to Chief Boatswain's Mate in 1979, and was promoted in June 1980 to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

He received his commission as a Lieutenant in 1983. He served in many different states, ranging from Texas to Virginia. In 2003, he was promoted to Captain and assumed command of MSO Hampton Roads. Captain O'Brien then assumed command of the USCG Sector New York on June 15, 2006.

Captain O'Brien served his country with great distinction during this 40 year period. He was given the difficult task of keeping New York's waterways safe and secure, and performed this task admirably. He has also received numerous awards from the Coast Guard, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and three Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals.

Ferries and oil liners share the harbor, and both are crucial to the economic value of the tristate area, and Captain O'Brien's efforts throughout his career have ensured a safe and sound commute for Staten Islanders, as well as many New Yorkers, who traverse the waters frequently.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Captain Robert O'Brien on his dedication to the citizens of New York.

RECOGNIZING DR. LYNN WOLAVER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Dr. Lynn Wolaver, who was inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on May 24, 2010.

Dr. Wolaver's contributions to his country and the community are invaluable. A former member of the U.S. Army Air Corp and a World War II veteran, he flew in C-47 aircraft in the European Theater of Operations with the IX Troop Carrier Command Pathfinder Group. Following his military service, Lynn devoted himself to public service, holding positions as a member of the Fairborn City Planning Board, City Council, Deputy Mayor and Mayor of Fairborn. He has been an active member of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce, Fairborn Rotary Club and the American Legion. He currently serves on numerous local boards and committees, applying his knowledge and expertise for the betterment of the region.

Along with his service to his country and civic engagement, Dr. Wolaver has an exten-

sive academic background. He studied at the University of Illinois, The Ohio State University Extension at Wright Field and at the University of Michigan, where he received his doctoral degree. Dr. Wolaver spent nearly 40 years as an employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn, Ohio, holding various positions, including Dean for Research Emeritus at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. During his time at Wright-Patterson, Dr. Wolaver conducted research in the areas of navigation, astrodynamics, bioengineering and systems analysis, and he has authored over 60 technical papers on these topics. His academic achievements have earned him induction into prestigious honorary societies, and various honors and awards, including the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce's Ed Duncan Distinguished Citizen Award, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce President's Award and University of Illinois Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Finally, as a husband, father of two and grandfather, Dr. Wolaver has demonstrated the importance of balancing various obligations and activities with the needs of family.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Dr. Lynn Wolaver for his lifetime of remarkable achievements and his unparalleled contribution to our community.

HONORING DR. GEORGE TILLER

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dr. George Tiller, a brave and prominent physician who dedicated his life to providing women the ability to choose. Dr. Tiller was shot and killed while serving as an usher at his church in Wichita, Kansas, a year ago this past May. His story is tragic but he is not the only one who has been targeted by intimidation tactics and acts of violence.

Since 1993, eight clinic workers have been murdered in the United States and seventeen attempted murders have occurred since 1991. Opponents of the women's right to choose have directed more than 6,100 reported acts of violence against physicians since 1977, which does not include the 156,000 reported bomb threats and harassing phone calls.

Whether you are on the right or left side of the issue on this issue, I believe we can all come together and agree that violence as a solution is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We should be able to work in unison to find common ground on the issue of female reproductive rights without putting anyone's life in danger.

The Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act was enacted in 1994 to provide federal protection against the unlawful and often violent tactics used by opponents of abortion rights. While violence has declined since then, violence at reproductive-health centers and abortion clinics is far from being eradicated.

Dr. Tiller was respecting the women's right to choose and for that, his life was taken. We must all work to ensure that no more lives are destroyed and acts of harassment are stopped. If there is one thing we can all agree on, it is that violence is not the answer and I look forward to the day that all doctors and clinical workers can go to work, free from fear of violence.

CONGRATULATING QUINCY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the Quincy Notre Dame High School girls' soccer team, the Lady Raiders, for winning the Class 1A state championship. On May 29, 2010, the Lady Raiders soundly defeated the Manteno High School Panthers 2-0 at North Central College's Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium in Naperville to win the state championship, capping their record at an impressive 24 wins and only 2 losses.

I extend my congratulations to all of these amazing athletes: goalkeepers Quentessa Keating, Mackenzie Little, and Megan Rabe; defenders Alex Reis, Jamie Pyatt, Alyssa Klene, Leah Waterkotte, Hannah Witte, Kayla Struck, Claire Obert, and Paula Holm; midfielders McKenna Murphy, Lexi Dreyer, Kate Genenbacher, Katie Hancox, Brooke Dreyer, Brooke Burgess, Hilary Hoffman, and Lexi Niemann; and forwards Abby Grawe, Shannon Foley, Jordan Frericks, Samantha Hall, and Leigh McLaughlin. I would also like to commend their coaching team led by Mark Longo and assistant coaches Randy Struck, George McDonnell, Jason Keller, Anthony Longo, and Jay Zanger, and the rest of the Quincy community who provided tremendous support in their historic victory. I am honored to represent Quincy Notre Dame High School and pleased to be able to share their victory with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I wish the Lady Raiders the best of luck in their future academic careers and athletic ambitions.